

RESOLUTION NO. 22155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, as part of its 2011-2012 budget proposal, the Governor has proposed permanently abolishing California's more than 400 local redevelopment agencies; and

WHEREAS, this proposal represents more of the same misguided and illegal State budget raids of local government funds that voters have repeatedly sought to end, most recently in November 2010 when an overwhelming 61% of voters elected to stop State raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funds; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will bring very little financial benefit to the State. Accordingly to the State Controller's Office, redevelopment agencies have more than \$87 billion in bond and other contractual obligations that legally must be repaid before revenues are available to any other purpose. In fact, according to the state Department of Finance's own budget documents, there will be zero State savings in out years from shutting down redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will destroy local economic development, including hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in local economic activity throughout California. In fact, in the City of Riverside, abolishing redevelopment will destroy funding that on average provides 650 new permanent jobs and stimulates \$390,000,000 in private investment every year; and

WHEREAS, throughout California, redevelopment activities support 304,000 jobs annually, including 170,600 construction jobs, contribute over \$40 billion annually to California's economy in the generation of goods and services, and generate more than \$2 billion in state and local taxes in a typical year; and


WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will destroy the development of affordable housing in California. Redevelopment agencies are the second largest funder of affordable housing, behind only the federal government, responsible for over 98,000 units of affordable housing since 1993; and

WHEREAS, shutting down redevelopment agencies is a violation of multiple State and Federal constitutional provisions.


1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Riverside,
2 California formally opposes the Administration's proposal to abolish redevelopment in California.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of
4 Riverside authorizes its city staff to communicate its opposition to the Governor, the Legislature,
5 business groups and citizens.

6 ADOPTED by the City Council this 25th day of January, 2011.

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9 RONALD O. LOVERIDGE
Mayor of the City of Riverside

10 Attest:

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12 COLLEEN J. NICOL
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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15 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
16 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at
17 its meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:


18 Ayes: Councilmembers Gardner, Melendrez, Bailey, Davis, Mac Arthur, Hart, and
19 Adams

20 Noes: None

21 Absent: None

22 Disqualified: None

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24 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
25 City of Riverside, California, this 26th day of January, 2011.

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27 COLLEEN J. NICOL
28 City Clerk of the City of Riverside